

## Hearing on “The Dangers of Reporting on Human Rights”

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### Joel Simon Biography

Joel Simon has been executive director of the Committee to Protect Journalists since 2006. Simon has led the organization through a period of expansion, growing CPJ's network of global correspondents, creating a new North America program focused on press freedom advocacy in the United States, and helping to develop an Emergency Response Team focused on safety and direct assistance to journalists in crisis around the world.

Simon has participated in CPJ missions from Argentina to Zimbabwe. Under his leadership, CPJ has been honored with numerous awards, including the Thomas J. Dodd Prize in International Justice and Human Rights, a News & Documentary Emmy, and the 2018 Chatham House Prize.

Simon has written widely on press freedom issues for publications including *The Washington Post* and *The Wall Street Journal*. He is a regular columnist for *Columbia Journalism Review*. Simon has appeared on international broadcasters and has participated in speeches and panels from the United Nations to the Newseum, and at academic institutions.

Prior to joining CPJ in 1997, Simon worked for a decade as a freelance journalist in Latin America. A graduate of Amherst College and Stanford University, he is also the author of several books including one on press freedom.